GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1019
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2007
ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Armed Forces Medical Services have expressed their apprehension that there is a lack of direct facility to contain the ill-effects of nuclear attacks in the country; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government for the better preparedness to face such crisis in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b):A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1019 FOR ANSWER ON 20.8.2007.

The ill effects of any nuclear attack are multifaceted, handling of which will require involvement of a large number of agencies including the Armed Forces Medical Services. A number of Quick Reaction Teams in the Army and Quick Medical Response Teams have been set up for immediate initial response.Other measures include identification of Service Hospitals in the four Metropolitan cities and one hospital in each State/Union Territory, as associated medical institutions, so that these hospitals are able to handle mass causalities, training of physicians and para-medical staff, organizing training capsules and workshops in specialised institutions to reinforce the training of health professionals, etc. Such preparedness is a continuous process keeping in view the threat perception.

The Armed Forces Medical Services have not expressed any apprehension regarding their preparedness for handling the ill effects of nuclear attacks in the country.